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House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515-1501

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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Chairwoman Committee on Appropriations United States House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger Ranking Member Committee on Appropriations United States House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting \$5 million in community project funding for the development of an Urban Prosperity Hub in fiscal year 2022.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Marshall Heights Community Development Organization, Inc., located at 3939 Benning Road NE, Washington, D.C. 20019.

The funding would be used for the establishment and operation of a 9,000 square foot Urban Prosperity Hub – community culinary kitchen, small business center, event and training center, a grab-n' go-deli and makespace retail showroom for District of Columbia vendor opportunities. In addition, the funding would be used to promote economic development in the District--primarily in Wards 7 & 8--and to train 140 unemployed and underemployed residents for full-time positions in the hospitality industry; provide up to 10,000 meals a day to provide greater food security for underserved and low-income public school students, and seniors; and provide training, technical assistance and services to 750 new and existing small businesses.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Eleanor Holmes Norton

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